## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

*This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

Claims 1-5  (Canceled)


6.  (Currently amended)  An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a power switch for activating the information processing apparatus;

a receiving unit that receives an instruction for turning off the power switch;

a storage unit that stores data to be processed;

a management record unit that records processing contents data representing processing contents of the data to be processed;

a control unit that controls to carry out information processing, based on the processing contents data recorded in the management record unit, about the data to be processed stored in the storage unit;

a resuming unit that resumes, when the information processing is temporarily stopped and resumed, the information processing based on the processing contents data which is not changed between pre- and post-resuming;

an invalidating unit that invalidates the processing contents data recorded in the management record unit;

an operation admission unit that utilizes a setting which determines whether or not the processing contents should be invalidated to make the invalidating unit operable so that after the information processing is carried out, the invalidating unit invalidates the processing contents data representing processing contents of data for which the information processing has been carried out;

a decision unit that decides in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving unit whether the invalidating unit is allowed to invalidate or not, on the basis of the setting of the operation admission unit; and

a limiting unit that limits, when the power switch is turned off and the invalidating unit is operable, the operation of the resuming unit, wherein the information processing is resumed after deleting a part or all of the processing contents data recorded in the management record unit, wherein

the information processing apparatus is set to operate one of first and second operation modes, the first and second operation modes being independent of settings attached to any processing contents data,

when the information processing apparatus is set to operate in the first mode, the decision unit decides that the invalidating unit is allowed invalidate in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving unit,

when the information processing apparatus is set to operate in the second mode, the decision unit decides that the invalidating unit is not allowed invalidate in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving unit,

when the receiving unit receives the instruction, the invalidation unit performs the invalidation or not on the basis of the decision result by the decision unit, and then the power switch is turned off,

the limitation performed by the limiting unit is prevented when the power switch is turned off and the invalidating unit is not operable, and

if the storage unit successively stores the data to be processed, the control unit controls to carry out successive information processing about data to be processed having already stored in the storage unit.


7. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a power switch for activating the information processing apparatus;

a receiving unit that receives an instruction for turning off the power switch;

a storage unit that stores data to be processed;

a management record unit that records processing contents data representing processing contents of the data to be processed;

a control unit that controls to carry out information processing, based on the processing contents data recorded in the management record unit, about the data to be processed stored in the storage unit;

a resuming unit that resumes, when the information processing is temporarily stopped and resumed, the information processing based on the processing contents data which is not changed between pre- and post-resuming;

an operation admission unit that additionally utilizes a setting which determines whether or not the processing contents should be invalidated to make operable an invalidating unit that invalidates, after the information processing is carried out, the processing contents data representing processing contents of data for which the information processing has been carried out;

a decision unit that decides in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving unit whether the invalidating unit is allowed to invalidate or not, on the basis of the setting of the operation admission unit; and

a limiting unit that limits, when the power switch is turned off and the invalidating unit is operable, the operation of the resuming unit, wherein the information processing is resumed after deleting a part or all of the processing contents data recorded in the management record unit, wherein

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the information processing apparatus is set to operate one of first and second operation modes, the first and second operation modes being independent of settings attached to any processing contents data,

when the information processing apparatus is set to operate in the first mode, the decision unit decides that the invalidating unit is allowed invalidate in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving unit,

when the information processing apparatus is set to operate in the second mode, the decision unit decides that the invalidating unit is not allowed invalidate in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving unit,

when the receiving unit receives the instruction, the invalidation unit performs the invalidation or not on the basis of the decision result by the decision unit, and then the power switch is turned off,

the limitation performed by the limiting unit is prevented, when the power switch is turned off and the invalidating unit is not operable, and

if the storage unit successively stores the data to be processed, the control unit controls to carry out successive information processing about data to be processed having already stored in the storage unit.


8. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the resuming unit includes a condition maintaining unit that maintains a condition where the storage unit stores the processing contents data while the information processing is stopped.

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9. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the resuming unit includes a condition maintaining unit that maintains a condition where the storage unit stores the processing contents data while the information processing is stopped.

10. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 6, wherein

the processing contents data comprises data to be processed and associated information associated with the data, and

the limiting unit is structured so as to resume the information processing after all of the processing contents data is deleted from the management record unit.

11. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein

the processing contents data comprises data to be processed and associated information associated with the data, and

the limiting unit is structured so as to resume the information processing after all of the processing contents data is deleted from the management record unit.

12. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 8, wherein

the processing contents data comprises data to be processed and associated information associated with the data, and

the limiting unit is structured so as to resume the information processing after all of the processing contents data is deleted from the management record unit.

13. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 9, wherein

the processing contents data comprises data to be processed and associated information associated with the data, and

the limiting unit is structured so as to resume the information processing after all of the processing contents data is deleted from the management record unit.

14. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the management record unit is structured so as to store the data to be processed, in a condition of being encrypted.

15. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the management record unit is structured so as to store the data to be processed, in a condition of being encrypted.

16. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the management record unit is structured so as to store the data to be processed, in a condition of being encrypted.

17. (Previously presented) The information processing apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the management record unit is structured so as to store the data to be processed, in a condition of being encrypted.

18. (Currently amended) An information processing apparatus, comprising:

a power switch for activating the information processing apparatus;

receiving means for receiving an instruction for turning off the power switch;

storage means for storing data to be processed;

management record means for recording processing contents data representing processing contents of the data to be processed;

controlling means for controlling to carry out information processing, based on the processing contents data recorded in the management record means, about the data to be processed stored in the storage means;

resuming means for resuming, when the information processing is temporarily stopped and resumed, the information processing based on the processing contents data which is not changed between pre- and post-resuming;

invalidating means for invalidating the processing contents data recorded in the management record means;

operation admission means for utilizing a setting which determines whether or not the processing contents should be invalidated to make the invalidating means operable so that after the information processing is carried out, the invalidating means invalidates the processing contents data representing processing contents of data for which the information processing has been carried out;

decision means for deciding in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving means whether the invalidating means is allowed to invalidate or not, on the basis of the setting of the operation admission means; and

limiting means for limiting, when the power switch is turned off and the invalidating means is operable, the operation of the resuming means, wherein

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the information processing is resumed after deleting a part or all of the

processing contents data recorded in the management record means, wherein

the information processing apparatus is set to operate one of first and

second operation modes, the first and second operation modes being

independent of settings attached to any processing contents data,

when the information processing apparatus is set to operate in the first

mode, the decision means decides that the invalidating means is allowed

invalidate in response to the reception of the instruction by the receiving

means,

when the information processing apparatus is set to operate in the

second mode, the decision means decides that the invalidating means is note

allowed invalidate in response to the reception of the instruction by the

receiving means,

when the receiving means receives the instruction, the invalidation

means performs the invalidation or not on the basis of the decision result by

the decision means, and then the power switch is turned off,

the limitation performed by the limiting means is prevented when the

power switch is turned off and the invalidating unit is not operable, and

if the storage means successively stores the data to be processed, the

controlling means controls to carry out successive information processing

about data to be processed having already stored in the storage means.